in a region and the number of disputes arising in the region. An assessment is made about the suitability of locating a CGIT based on these factors. It is proposed to set up 15 more CGIT-cum-Labour Courts during the IX Five Year Plan, where considered necessary and feasible.

Regularisation of temporary workers of PSUs

821. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Undertakings have implemented the Supreme Court's Verdict to regularise the temporary workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will take action against those PSU units who are not implementing the decision;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what are the steps taken by Government to implement it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Though some judgements of the hon'ble Supreme Court relate to regularisation in respect of ad-hoc appointments and daily, wage workers as well as absorption of contract labourers having worked more than 240 days, there is no specific ruling of the Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding regularisation of temporary workers.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Rights of Child

822. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether United Nations Committee on Rights of Child has told India to take steps to amend Child Labour Laws; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) UN Committee on Convention on the Rights of the Child met in Geneva in January, 2000. In its final observations the Committee noted the amendments to the Schedule to the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. It expressed concern at the large numbers of working children and against non-enforcement of minimum age standards for employment. It recommended ratification of ILO Convention No. 138 concerning the minimum age for admission to employment and No. 182 concerning prohibition and immediate action for the elimination of the worst forms of Child Labour. Steps have already been initiated towards ratification of ILO Convention Nos. 38 and 182.

Vacant posts of Presiding Officers in Central Industrial Tribunals

823. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several posts of Presiding Officers and Staff are lying vacant in Central Industrial Tribunals;

(b) if so, the names of such tribunals and the details of vacancies including period thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to fill these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN **THE** MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) Statement showing the vacant posts of Presiding Officers and Staff in Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts.